Developing Calicut Airport

818. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new project is being considered for developing the Calicut Airport ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the time limit by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) There is at present no project under consideration for developing Calicut airport.

(b) Does not arise.

Night landing facilities at Cochin airport

819. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether night landing facilities are likely to be provided at Cochin airport ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to provide night landing facilities at Cochin airport, which belongs to the Indian Navy. However, an Abridged Visual Approach Slope Indicator System (AVASIS) has been installed to assist in landing of the aircraft in poor visibility conditions.

New flights from and to Calicut

820. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new flights are proposed to be started from and to Calicut ;

(b) whether the frequency of Bombay-Calicut flight is also likely to be increased ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) While Indian Airlines has no proposal to start new flights from Calicut, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Calicut with Madras, Cochin, Coimbatore and Agatti.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has plans to augment the capacity between Bombay and Calicut by increasing the frequency of the present B-737 services from 4 times a week to a daily service which would depend upon the induction of additional aircraft in Indian Airlines' fleet.

जन्म-शताब्दी समारोह

821. श्री मीर्जा ईर्शादबेग : क्या मानव संपाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान भारत के किन-किन महान सपूतों की जन्म-शताब्दियां मनाई जा रही हैं और इस संबंध में उनकी वैयक्तिक विशेषताओं को दर्शाने के लिये किन-किन कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया जा रहा है तथा ऐसे प्रत्येक कार्यक्रम के लिये आवंटित की गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और